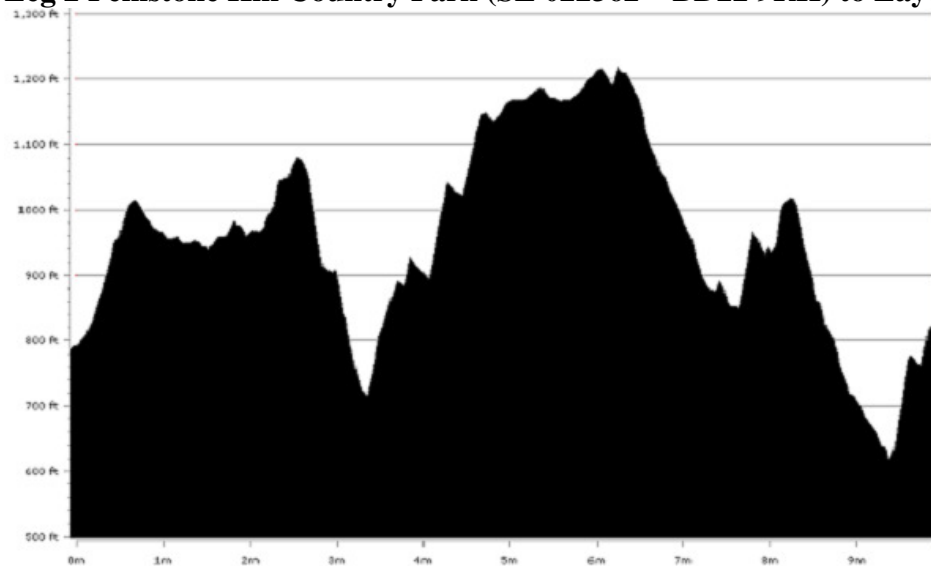


Leg 2 Penistone Hill Country Park (SE 022362 – BD22 9RH) to Laycock (SE 032411 – BD22 0PN) 9.4 miles 1287ft



The start of Leg 2 is at Penistone Hill Country Park on Moorside Lane in Haworth. From the Haworth to Hebden Bridge Road (A6033), as it passes through Oxenhope take the road on your right after the Bay Horse pub to Shaw. Follow this road round and at the top of the hill on the right is Penistone Hill.

If approaching from Haworth, head towards Stanbury and take Cemetery Road to Moorside Lane, turn left at Moorside Lane and the entrance to Penistone Hill is on your left.

For the end of the leg parking is available in Laycock village.

The ladies of Laycock village will be providing Tea/Coffee/Cakes/Bacon Butties in the village hall on race day – please bring some money and support their efforts.

From the handover, cross the main car park of Penistone Hill keeping to the left hand side, at the fork in the tracks take the right hand fork following the Millennium Way signs down to the road. Take care crossing over the road and follow the track over the moor to Middle Intake Farm.

Turn left along the track and follow the track for some distance until you reach a stone bridge crossing the stream (Bronte Bridge). Go over the bridge and up the rocky hillside heading for the waymarker post by a kissing gate. Continue up the hill bearing right to another waymarker by the ruin of Virginia Farm. Here go right and almost immediately left then continue straight forward until a stile is reached.

Go over this stile turn half left to another stile over the wall. Continue straight on crossing two tracks. Take care to follow the Millennium way signs and not the Millennium way circular walk signs. Eventually you come to a kissing gate, continue through the kissing gate into a walled grassy lane. Follow the walled lane which turns into a path down the hill until you reach another lane.

Turn right along the lane to Cold Knoll End Farm approx 200yds. The markings here are a bit obscure. Turn left by the concrete garage and continue down the lane towards the next farm. Turn right just before the second cattle grid, then turn left at the marker down to the gate to the right of the farm buildings. From the gate go down several fields, at the end of the wall turn right and then after about 30yds turn left down through several more fields to join Hob Lane. At the main road turn left, cross over the bridge (take care crossing over the road) and turn right through the stile.

Follow the wall on the left crossing a small footbridge to a stile on the left. Go over this stile and turn right following the fence. Continue forward with the fence on your right for a short distance. Turn half left up the banking and over a stile. Cross several fields bearing diagonally left until you reach Oldfield End Farm. At the farm do not take the first track up to the road but continue across the next two fields past the cottages where you turn left up the lane and onto the road.

Here turn left to Oldfield School. Turn right up the track between the school and the cottages (by the telegraph pole). At the top, turn right along the road. Follow the track which goes up to the left until you reach Harehills House.

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At the top of the hill ignore the path off to the right but continue towards the house, then take the track with the fence on your left following the wall on the right up to a gate. Continue straight forward until you see a Millennium Way marker on a gate post. Here turn left and follow the ruined wall on your left to a stile.

Go over the stile and continue straight on with the wall still on your left passing a small wood. Continue on to a stile in the broken wall. Go through this gap and continue straight on following a well marked path across the moor which sweeps round to the right until you reach Keighley Moor Reservoir. Cross the dam and turn right onto a tarmac road. Follow this road down past Higher Intake, eventually reaching the road (Morkin Bridge).

Turn left up the road until you reach Slitheroford Farm. Here turn right through the farmyard to a gate. Go through the gate, turn right and follow the wall down to the stream. **PLEASE KEEP TO THE EDGE OF THE FIELD AND DO NOT CUT DIAGONALLY ACROSS THE FIELD. ANY TEAMS REPORTED CUTTING ACROSS THE FIELD WILL BE PENALISED.** Continue following the stream through a gate and across the stream. Go diagonally right, up the hill to a stile in the wall.

Go through the stile and across several fields roughly following below the line of the power lines. After a short drop the path divides - either path will bring you to the stable block at Bottoms Farm. Go down the side of the stable block and follow the wall passing through a gate and down to the concrete driveway. Turn left up this driveway continuing up to the road. Turn right along the road for about 50 yds. Then turn right and follow the lane down passing through a gate and down a flagged path to another gate. Follow the path to the cottages at Newsholme Dean.

Now follow the track up the hill past the cottages. Shortly, there is a minor path branching off to the right. Follow this through the woods keeping to the top path. Eventually you will pass a dam on your right when you reach a footbridge over a water race, cross over, turn immediate left and follow the path down the side of Dean Beck eventually crossing a stone bridge.

Once over this bridge go through the gap stile and onto the road. Turn left along the road past the Turkey Inn, taking care crossing the road, and up the steep road to a sharp right hand bend. Take care at this bend as the road is quite narrow and is a blind bend for oncoming traffic. Shortly afterwards the road bends to the left. At this point go straight forward through the stile and up the flagged path into Laycock. Turn right along the road until you reach Chapel Lane (by the graveyard).

Turn left up Chapel Lane, at the top take the first turning on the right to the handover at the end of the leg on the double walled lane.